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TAGS: PK, PGOV, PINT
SUBJ: BHUTTO OFFICIALLY REQUESTS ASSEMBLIES BE DISSOLVED

REF: ISLAMABAD 0227

1. OVER WEEKEND PAKISTANI PRESS CARRIED TEXT OF BHUTTO LETTER TO PRESIDENT OF PAKISTAN ADVISING PRESIDENT TO DISSOLVE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON JANUARY 10 TO BEGIN PROCESS THAT WILL CULMINATE IN NATIONAL ELECTIONS. BHUTTO NOTED IN THE LETTER THAT THOUGH THE TERM OF THE PRESENT ASSEMBLY IS NOT DUE TO EXPIRE UNTIL AUGUST 14, AND THOUGH HE COULD IN ANY EVENT EXTEND THE PRESENT TERM BY ONE YEAR BY LAW, HE BELIEVES THE TIME HAS COME TO SEEK A FRESH MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE. HE ADDED THAT HE WAS GOING FOR ELECTIONS NOTWITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT THE SELECTIVE PROCESS IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES IS SUSPENDED, AND PAKISTAN IS NOT ENTIRELY IMMUNE FROM PRESSURES AND TRENDS IN THE REGION. THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE FORMALLY DISSOLVED TODAY. CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER HAS TOLD THE PRESS HE INTENDS TO ISSUE NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION AT SAME TIME.

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2. IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PPP, BHUTTO ALSO REQUESTED PROVINCIAL CHIEF MINISTERS ON JANUARY 8 TO DISSOLVE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES TO BEGIN COUNTDOWN FOR PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS. THESE DISSOLUTIONS SHOULD OCCUR JANUARY 13.
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